

NEWS LETTER 01/2020-2021

1. Last News Letter 03/2019-20 was issued on 18 Dec 2019. The news letter of the 4th qtr i.e. 04/2019-20 could not be issued due to the COVID 19 lockdown. The BSA office was run single handed by Sub Ghatage, H/Clk, who ensured that disbursement of financial assistance to widows/NOK (i.e. immediate relief given in cases of deaths of serving personnel) was done immediately on receipt of info from Records. All other disbursements of approved distress grants and other schemes were also sent during this period. The BSA office is now functioning wef 09th June 2020 taking all necessary precautions as per instructions of HQ, BEG & Centre

2. Present strength of members who have paid life membership fees, as on 30 June 2020 is as under:

(a) Offrs	1,743,
(b) JCOs and OR	<u>48,134.</u>
Total members:	<u>49,966.</u>

BSA ACTIVITIES

3. **58th Management Committee Meeting.** This was held on 14 Dec 2019 at HQ BEG & Centre. The same was presided over by the Vice Chairman and was attended by all MC members. The minutes of the same have been uploaded on the BSA website and the ESM Whats Apps Gp. Minutes of meeting have also been promulgated to all veteran Offrs through the Gp Adjt Email group. Copies of Minutes have also been sent to all Bombay Sapper units through AWAN & by post.

4. **Welfare Activities.** Details of funds spent on various welfare schemes and events in the last financial year i.e. 2019-20 are given below:-

Amount spent on Various Welfare measures

Ser No	Scheme/Grant	Beneficiaries	Amount
1	Children Edn Scholarship	54 JCOs Children & 227 ORsChildren	279000
2	EGCW	155 children of 93widows	488400
3	Marriage of Widows Daughter	six widows	150000
4	Imdt Grant to widow/NOK	32x Widows /NOK	320000
5	Grant fo Professional Courses	10 Fresh and 23 of previous yrs	330000
6	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	2 fresh & 3Previous yrs (result of one previous med student awaited)	125000
7	Distress Grant	11 ESM/Widows/serving	110000
8	Aid to GBA	13 students	381461
9	Indira Dassanncharya Sch	Five children	15,000
10	Bi- Centenary Celebrations	Felicitaiion 53 Veer Naris& 15 spl Children, 1x Fibreglass Boat & 2x E-Ricksha	696533
		Total	2,895,394

5. **Bi-Centenary Celebrations.** This historic event of the 200th raising day of the Bombay Sappers was celebrated with great pomp and show from 28th Jan 2020 to 01 Feb 2020. A large no of veterans along with their families attended this grand event. A number of Veer Naris were specially invited for this function. They were also felicitated on this occasion. Few British officers who served in the Bombay Sappers also attended this grand event with their families. The event was well covered by the media and details and photographs of the functions held were widely publicized through the Gp Adjts email group and whats app groups of all the Bombay Sapper Units. The highlight of these celebrations was the inauguration of the Bombay Sappers Museum which has been upgraded and expanded in a big way. Details of service and their achievements of all ranks of serving and

retired Bombay Sappers can be read on a computer kiosk by just inserting his Service No, Rank & Name. On this historic occasion It was also decided to procure 2 x E Rickshaws and one Fibre glass boat to be used by troops and their families residing in the BEG campus. The expdr on the same was borne by BSA.

Important Achievement of Bombay Sappers in Sports.

5. The following Bombay Sappers participated at International level recently and made us proud with their achievements.

International Events

(a) **Asian Jr & Sr Acrobatics Championship 2019.** This International Acrobatics Championship was held at Uzbekistan wef 10 – 12 Oct 2019. One Coach and two players of Gp Gymnastic team participated in the Championship, as under :-

Ser No	Rank	Name	Remarks
(a)	Hav	Siddesh Bhosale	Bronze
(b)	Hav	Rushikesh More	Bronze

(b) **7th World Mil Games.** This Championship was held at Wuhan, China wef 18 Oct 2019 to 27 Oct 2019. Sub Gurpreet Singh of Shooting Team participated as part of the Indian team and won Bronze medal in the championship.

(c) **Asian Rowing Championship 2019.** Asian Rowing Championship was held at Chungju, Republic of Korea wef 23 to 27 Oct 2019. The fwg Gp Rowing team players participated in the event :-

Ser No	Rank	Name	Event	Medal
(a)	Hav	T Shinde	Lt wt coxless four	Gold
(b)	Rect Hav	Akshat	Coxed Eight	Bronze
(c)	Hav	Gurmeet Singh	Coxed Eight	Bronze
(d)	Spr	Jakhar Khan	Quadruple Scull	Silver
(e)	Spr	Puneet Kumar	Coxed Eight	Bronze
(f)	Hav	D U Pandey	Coxed Eight	Bronze

Important Civil Tournament

(a) **Mahan Bharat Kesari.** Mahan Bharat Kesari Wrestling Competition was held at Karwar, Karnataka from 26 to 27 Jan 2020. Rect Hav Shikander Shaikh of Gp Wrestling team participated and won Mahan Kesari title for the yr 2020.

(b) **78th ARAE & FEARA International Club Regatta.** The international level Club Regata was held at Kolkata from 07 to 11 Jan 2020. The following rowers participated in the Regata and won medals:-

Ser No	Rank	Name	Event	Medal
(a)	Nb Sub	Rajanesh P	FERA Masters Coxless Pair	Gold
			FERA Masters Coxless Four	Gold
(b)	Sports Cdt	Dilip Singh	AREA Open Coxless Four	Bronze

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